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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5410

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SUBJECT: SHIP NECHES

REF: STATE 173676

1. EMBASSY HAS FOLLOWED NECHES AFFAIR WITH CLOSE ATTENTION AND, AFTER AN AMBASSADORIAL REQUEST TO FOREIGN MINISTER FOR ASSISTANCE, WAS ABLE TO ARRANGE FOR VISIT JULY 23 TO AREA WHERE SHIP IS SUNK BY OWNER'S REP AND MARINE SURVEYOR. VISIT WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY EGYPTIAN AIR FORCE HELICOPTER WHICH TRANSPORTED THOMAS DAVIS, OFFSHORE LOGISTICS, INC. REP, RYAN UHLICH, MARINE SURVEYOR AND COLONEL WILLIAM DOLAN, AIRATT TO SCENE. HELO FLEW OVER SHIP WHICH HAD CAPSIZED AND OVERTURNED AND NOW LIES UNDER WATER WITH ONLY SMALL BIT OF BOW SHOWING AT POSITION 31-24 N/32-08 E.

2. DAVIS AND UHLICH EXPRESSED DISMAY AT CONDITION OF SHIP AND INDICATED THAT COST OF SALVAGE WOULD PROBABLY EXCEED WORTH OF VESSEL AND EQUIPMENT. THEY ANTICIPATED OWNERS WOULD CHOOSE TO ABANDON IT. UHLICH TOOK NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS OF SHIP WHICH HE SAID WOULD BE PROVIDED OWNERS AND INSURANCE COMPANY.

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NO RESTRICTIONS WERE PLACED BY EGYPTIANS ON PHOTOGRAPHY,

NOR DID AN ESCORT OFFICER ACCOMPANY FLIGHT.

3. SUGGEST THAT INA REP DEBRIES MAY WISH TO CONSULT OWNER AND MARINE SURVEYOR UHLICH, WHO RETURNED DIRECTLY TO US, BEFORE UNDERTAKING VISIT TO EGYPT. EMBASSY WENT TO CONSIDERABLE LENGTHS TO ORGANIZE EGYPTIAN AF ASSISTANCE WHICH WAS PERFORMED FOR OWNERS ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS. GOE AUTHORITIES WILL WONDER WHY ANOTHER TRIP IS NEEDED SINCE DATA AND PHOTOGRAPHS ALREADY AVAILABLE.

4. HOWEVER, IF DEBRIES STILL WISHES TO COME, EMBASSY WILL OFFER ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE. ALUSNA HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY AMBASSADOR AS ACTION OFFICER.
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